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INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 18

Len Lakofka has responded to the plea set forth in Hoosier Archives #50 and has submitted a thought-provoking article on France. It is well worth noting, since Len's ranking 4th in the new broddingnag Rating List just out means he speaks with authority! Many thanks, Len. Now, all we need are openings articles for Russia and Turkey and the list of Hoosier Archives original openings articles will be complete.

FRENCH OPENINGS

by Len Lakofka

France presents a unique and challenging opening structure to the Diplomacy player. Study of "classic games," in which the Belgian and Balkan spheres are first to activate, finds France with the standard opening of ϵ Bre-PAO and A Par-burg supported by A Mar. This standard opening has many possible variations available for Fall 1901 and gives the French player much leeway while not openly provoking anyone. It is mainly a defensive opening but eyes a possible J-center expansion, if the diplomatic atmosphere is correct, while allowing for excursions into three countries via a swift stab!

To understand this variation, the country of France must be studied. It has two supply center groups, Paris-Brest and, assuming classic development, Spa, Port and Mar. These two supply center complexes are joined via PAO, Gas and Burg. Foreign entrance into any of these three provinces is very dangerous to France. Burg has a five point "mix" for Pic, Bel, Par, Gas and Mar; PAO, a four point mix for Bre, Gas, Spa and Port; and Gas, a five point mix for Bre, Par, Spa, Mar and Burg. (By "mix" I mean the moves available versus a particular supply complex. In this case, the "supply complex" is classic France.) A move to a non-supply province is potentially stronger if that new province attacks more centers than the prior location. Therefore, the "mix" available to an army in Gascony is very powerful--4 supply centers and Burg which attacks 2 centers. With this in mind, and noting that if we split France's forces in two, France is greatly weakened, we see why the classic move has been developed.

A Par to Burg prevents German capture of that vital province. The support of Burg gives France a powerful diplomatic defensive and offensive tool! It gives France the ability to move to or support a move to Bel! It allows a direct attack on Hun and it allows a southern defensive move (A Burg-Mar) in case Italy has moved to Pied. Note also that by Mar staying in place and supporting, Mar can then move to Spa, Burg or defend against (or even attack) Italy! Finally, the fleet to PAO is a prelude to a landing in Spa or, more likely, Port. The fleet capture of Port is diplomatically neutral in that a fleet capture of Spa requires a coast to be named and thus can be slightly anti-English or Italian in nature.

Thus, the position A Burg, A Mar, F PAO allows for a great deal of French play. You can move versus Germany in concert with England, versus England in concert with Germany (F PAO-Iri!! and A Burg-bel) or even versus Italy (with Germany or England or even both

countries allying with you). This position prevents any French center from falling in 1901 and guarantees one build minimum even against attacks from all three neighbors!

The alternatives to this opening are generally weaker in nature, but two merit mention: (1) the anti-English move of F Bre-Eng, A Par-Gas and A Mar-Burg with an agreed German alliance and (2) the more neutral variation of A Mar-Burg, A Par-Gas and F Bre-MAO.

In (1) the French player is putting a crippling force on England at once by allowing for the developmental move of F Eng-Wall or F Eng (s) Ger F Den-Nth!! F Eng-Ion is unimaginative! Here A Gas is moving for a build in Iberia but can defend against Italy if Italy stabs. And A Burg is moving to Bel, so two builds can be achieved.

In (2) you are moving to frighten Germany a bit less while still carrying good play potential. Notice A Mar-Burg, not A Par! If A Mar bounces, you can still defend Mar, attack Burg again or go to Spa. If A Par bounces, you are in position to try Burg again or defend against England if that breakdown has occurred. Note that A Gas can then pick up Spa, or defend Mar or Bre when moved from Par.

All other variations are quite avant-garde for France. A Mar-Pied is unorthodox but productive in rare occasions. The northern shift of F Bre-MAO, A Par-Pic and A Mar-Burg puts all of your eggs in the proverbial basket (called Italy).

The "best" opening, of course, is a function of your diplomac. If you have good channels with your neighbors, try (2) but (1) is the sublime opening. Here you put your biggest threat, England, out of the box. If you think your biggest threat is Germany, you are wrong. Both a hostile England or a hostile Italy can hurt you more than a lying Kaiser!

ARCHIVES LISTING

We had hoped to publish the archives listing with this issue since it is now about four weeks overdue. Unfortunately, I still haven't quite recovered from the holiday rush enough to get all the current sines sorted, cataloged and filed. Hopefully, I can complete all this in a few days so the listing can come out the first of the year. ((The associate editor hates archives listings--may it never come out!))

ARCHIVES ZINE PLAYS

Antares--Burt Labelle, 146 Elm Street, Saco, Main 04072. Burt's new genuine carries his Antares Rating System, a real comer. Also included are other rating studies and Diplomacy news in general. Frequency of publication will be quarterly and subs are \$1/year. A bargain!

The Brobblingus Rating List--Jeff Power, 121 Gauss Hall, Princeton U., Princeton, N.J. 08540. Jeff has come out with a separate sine to make possible the publication of the highly popular Brob Rating List after an almost 2 year hiatus. The results in the first issue were highly interesting. It's available from Jeff for an 8¢ stamp.

Platypus Pie--Brenton Ver Ploeg, 520 Parker Avenue, #202, San Francisco, Calif. 94118. One of the best players in Diplomacy has come out with a new sine that promises to be very good although the subs of 6/\$1 are discouraged. The games aren't, however, and Brent hopes to get 2 winners games going plus a single open section. Game fee is \$5.50 and worth it.

Supernova, Blood and Iron--Lew Pulsipher, 321A Twin Towers, Albion, Mich. 49224. Openings in SUPERNOVA for Middle Earth Diplomacy II, Middle Earth IV, Interstellar Diplomacy, Third Age. Openings in BLOOD AND IRON for Origins of WW II (Avulsion Hill), Diadokhi, Anarchy. "Fee" for first game (each sine considered separately) is a subscription while you are playing, plus a \$1 position deposit which is refunded if you don't quit; for further games, same plus \$.50. Sub to SN is 7/\$1, EI, 8/\$1. Both sines carry material additional to games.

(Note: As announced in an earlier Hoosier Archives, I will be glad to advertise other Dippy sines on a space available basis but would like your written ad first. Lew Pulsipher was the only one to do that this time.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Walker would like to announce that due to problems that have arisen during the holiday season, many of his publications will be delayed.

I would like to clear up something that has proved erroneous since Hoosier Archives #43. When Edi Birnbaum submitted "The Lepanto Opening" to me for publication, Edi said the article had been submitted to the Spartan International Monthly first but didn't think they had used it. However, I recently got the complete set of SIN Diplomacy articles and found that Edi's article was printed after all in the April 1971 issue. Therefore, Edi's article should have appeared in "Out of the Archives" vice "Into the Archives." There are no reprint problems, however, since the editor of SIN, Dan Hoffbauer, has been kind enough to give Hoosier Archives permission to reprint all back SIN Diplomacy articles. These will be forthcoming in "Out of the Archives" and deal mainly with an interesting analysis of "conflict sectors" in Diplomacy.

DIPCON V will take place in Chicago on July 22-23, 1972. Already, it appears that is ~~will have great to great representation~~, and as a participant of DIPCON IV in San Diego, I can state for a fact that a DIPCON is not to be missed. For details, write Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond Street, Chicago, Ill. 60647.

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We would also like to thank all our subscribers and traders for their support of Hossier Archives and wish all of you out there a happy and prosperous New Year. In 1972, Hossier Archives will continue on the course charted this year, although we welcome any suggestions for improvement.